



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 98,385-E)

PATENT

In re Application of: Hauptmann et al. )  
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Serial No.: 09/525,998 )  
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Filed: March 15, 2000 )  
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For: TNF Receptors, TNF Binding )  
Proteins and DNAs Coding )  
For Them )

Before the Examiner: P. Mertz

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
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Sir/Madam:

**PETITION FOR A FOUR-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants request a Four-Month Extension of Time to respond to the Official Action mailed January 30, 2001. A check in the amount of \$1,360.00 to cover the extension fee is attached. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

Respectfully submitted,  
**McDonnell Boehnen Hulbert & Berghoff**

Dated: July 2, 2001

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